

# Parks Upgrade 1 B - Shade for Playgrounds

**Committee:** Parks and Recreation

**Project Title:** Parks Upgrade 1 A - Shade for Playgrounds at 2 Parks

**Cost:** \$200,000

**Location:** Los Paseos Park and Metcalf Park

**Short Description:** This project will install stretched-fabric shade structures over existing playground equipment at Los Paseos and Metcalf parks. The shade will enable families to use the current playgrounds in the hotter part of the day.

**Long Description:** Both Metcalf Park and Los Paseos Park have playgrounds that bake in the sun with no shade. The slides in particular become incredibly hot and essentially unusable. The playgrounds are well-used in the mornings and in the evenings, but are not used by families in the middle of the day.



**Metcalf Park Playground**

**Los Paseos Park Playground**



The solution is to put **stretched-fabric "sail" shade structures** over the playground equipment at Metcalf and Los Paseos parks, particularly over the slides. Some of the newer parks in San Jose (such as River Oaks Park) have been built including fabric shades. Shade from the mid-day sun will significantly increase the usability of the existing playgrounds.

## Shade Solution for Playgrounds



*River Oaks Park, North San Jose*



The need for playground shade was identified in discussions with park users and in the survey given to attendees at the National Night Out event in Los Paseos Park. The feasibility of the solution was confirmed by viewing shade structures installed in other parks and in discussions with a Department of Parks planner.

**Responsible City Agency:** Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services